

Congress must support veterans

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Every year on Nov. 11 Americans honor the men and women who have served and sacrificed as members of the armed forces. These sacrifices are the foundation of our freedom. All Americans owe veterans a debt of gratitude.

Veterans have earned our respect, whether they served during WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War or have recently returned from Iraq or Afghanistan. Honoring our veterans and their families must be a priority. Congress must keep its promise to the 25 million veterans, including those who will be returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan. Providing the necessary health care, education and disability benefits to meet the needs of our veterans is both a responsibility and a moral obligation.

This Veterans Day, let us thank those who have served our nation in uniform. Veterans' courage and commitment to our nation must be matched by a commitment from Congress to guarantee the benefits they deserve.

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